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MEMO

To: Paul Mueller file  
From: J. Randall Lyman *[Signature]*  
Subject: Water discharge complaint to Olive and Lexington  
Date: September 3, 1996

On Saturday the 31st of August at approximately 8:30 a.m. I received a call from a Martin Addie of the communications group for Fire and Police that a Mr. Tom Morrill, 2143 S. College, 862-8423 had called them reporting that a discharge of 'water comes from the Paul Mueller Company on evenings and weekends, usually after hours, that runs down the street at Olive and LaFontaine and goes into the sewer system of the City'. I told Mr. Addie that Muellers has a NPDES permit to discharge hydrotest water at this location, is regulated by the DNR, but that we would respond and call Mr. Morrill and report our findings.

Upon investigation I found a discharge coming from the storm drain pipe on the south side of the Water St. warehouse of Mueller's, running down Lexington, not LaFontaine, to Olive, then easterly along the north curb and gutter and into an open ditch running south to College St. and ultimately into Jordan Creek. The water looked clear, had no odor, and appeared to not be of concern enough to even take a sample. I would estimate the flow at less than ten gallons per minute. Assuming because it is so dry, the flow did not make it to Jordan Creek at the time I observed the flow. There were schools of minnows and some sunfish in the Jordan Creek as far down as Grand Avenue. There was no apparent oxygen deficiency or other acute water quality indicators.

I called Mr. Kevin Hess of DNR and informed him of this complaint. I also contacted Mr. Morrill and he said his concern arose because of seeing the discharge on weekends and after normal working hours. I informed him of the above information and told him to feel free to call anytime if he suspects a problem and that we appreciate his concern.

I called Ray Stanton of the Mueller Co. and informed him and asked that he confirm or deny that the discharge came from hydrotesting at the main tank building or something in that area and call me back. Mr. Stanton called me back shortly thereafter and said they have seven 33,000 gallon, tall tanks that will not fit inside and five of them have been hydrotested with two remaining to be tested. He confirmed that the flow over the weekend I observed was most probably the hydrotest water being discharged at a flow rate of less than fifty g.p.m. I called Kevin Hess and informed him of my conversation with Mr. Stanton. I called Mr. Morrill and informed him of what Mr. Stanton told me.

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